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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON SENIOR ONE OF THE TOP 10 COLLEGE WOMEN OF THE YEAR

DAYTON, Ohio, March 2, 1990--University of Dayton senior Tricia Waddell has been named one of In View magazine's "Top 10 College Women of the Year" for her work in promoting racial and ethnic harmony at UD.

Waddell, a Dayton native and 1985 graduate of Colonel White High School, will travel to New York City March 8 to receive the \$2,500 cash award in the category of "promoting interracial harmony and understanding," according to Nancy Woodard, marketing manager for In View.

The national magazine, published five times per academic year for college women age 18 to 24, selected two winners in five different categories.

Waddell, an English major, is being honored for her leadership in forming the campus group RACE (Racial Awareness: A Cooperative Effort) last semester to facilitate communication between black and white students. The 23 members have been meeting every other Sunday since last fall for three hours to discuss racial incidents, stereotypes and personal experiences. They attend two 48-hour retreats during their year-long commitment to the group.

"I've really seen people re-examine their values," Waddell said. "It's been very painful for people because they see parents or friends differently. If someone makes a racial comment, they can't just sit there anymore. I've seen people confront things that are very painful for them and that's not easy, but that's what college is all about."

Judges reviewed essays, transcripts and three letters of recommendation before making their decision. More than 540 students applied for the 10 positions. Waddell will use the prize money to live, work and travel in Europe after she graduates in April.

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